

Wholistic Ministry Impact from Across Asia

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A Marriage Restored

In one of the areas we work there was a man who was considered evil by the rest of the village. He would drink all day long and was always drunk. Whenever he saw young children he would throw them in the river. In drunken fits, he would burn down houses, to date more than 30 houses.

This man always would fight with his wife and she would run away. He would tell his mother in law that he was coming for dinner but she did not need to prepare any meat because he would kill her daughter and they would eat that. No one in the village would dare to confront him or even talk to him because he was so violent.

One day the man beat his wife and the wife ran to the pastor's house and asked him to come and speak to her husband. The pastor was nervous to go but because he had been studying the importance of loving his neighbour he decided to go anyway. After praying he set off and was surprised to discover that the drunk man was willing to listen to him. Meanwhile, the pastor's wife shared with the man's wife ideas from marriage and family materials to help her improve her marriage.

As a result the next time that the drunk husband shouted at her, instead of shouting back she showed him love. The husband was surprised – why didn't she fight back. He asked her why she had changed, why she no longer fought back. She replied that the pastor's wife had told her that I should love you because we are husband and wife. After several weeks of the wife loving her husband, the husband went to the pastor and told him that he wanted to learn more about Christianity. He then made a commitment to God.

Immediately he sobered up and stopped throwing children in the river and burning houses. The transformation was so dramatic that over the last three months he has lead 37 people to the Lord, doubling the size of the small house church.

Demonstration of Love Draws Back to Christ

One of the women in the church met a non Christian man and started dating. Some of the church leaders met with her and advised her not to marry the man but she didn't need their advice. Slowly she stopped attending church. Her parents also didn't like the man and told her that if they married she would be thrown out of the family house. Nevertheless, they married.



A few months later she got pregnant. She went back to her family and asked them to help take care of her but they refused. The church heard about the situation and came and offered to help her. They collected materials and worked together to build her a simple house. They provided rice and clothes for the couple and the new baby.

The couple was so amazed that even though they had disobeyed the church leaders and their families had turned their backs on them, the church still showed them love. They started to attend church again and both made a commitment to Christ. The man shared at a recent testimony time that he had never known such love or warmth in his life.

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